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SEGMENT VENTRICULAR)
RESTORATION APPARATUS AND)
METHOD)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the above-captioned application before examination of this case:

In the Specification:

Please replace the title with --ANTERIOR AND INFERIOR SEGMENT
VENTRICULAR RESTORATION APPARATUS AND METHOD--.

Please replace the paragraph after "Background of the Invention" with the following sub-heading and paragraph: